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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Ms. Kimberly Kyff, 2006–2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

Michigan Teacher of the Year Highlights

◦ Visited Traverse City Public Schools

Attended professional development session on the Hierarchies of Intervention and formative assessment.

Attended elementary principals' professional development. The focus of the session was Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and the benefits of PLCs to student achievement.

Gave presentation on the National Board Certification process to elementary school principals.

- Identify and support practices, systems, and programs that sustain the social, mental, physical, and emotional growth of all students. Objective 2
- Ensure that Michigan classrooms are staffed with high quality teachers and paraprofessionals under the direction of administrators who are committed to instructional excellence. Objective 3

◦ Attended Network of Michigan Educators Conference and Recognition Banquet

"Connections for Action: Courage to Teach, Courage to Lead."
The conference sessions on Courage to Teach encouraged reflection and deeper listening enabling teachers to return to

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their classrooms better able to meet the needs of their students and colleagues.

Participants were provided the opportunity to meet with members of the State Board of Education, legislative staffers, and intern students representing several college preparatory programs.

- Other breakout sessions addressed the importance of the teacher-student relationship, action-study teams, and the process of policy development at the state level.

The recognition banquet acknowledged the achievements of the 2005 National Board Certified Teachers' cohort, the 2006 Milken Educators, and the 2006 state-level Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching awardees.

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- Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)
 - 2006 Leadership Forum in Miami, Florida was entitled "Leading the Age of Global Change."
- Joined Representative Katherine Angerer for the taping of her cable television show. The new high school graduation requirements were discussed along with several other pertinent issues.
- State Board of Education Meeting
- Participated in the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group